

TESTIMONY OF
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Should the English language be the official language of the United States and the State of Michigan? Affirmatively yes!

When I immigrated to the United States, I knew how to read and write English well enough to be able to work and communicate. The more my command of the language improved, the less I felt that I was different, and the more I felt integrated into the American society and the better I could achieve the results I desired in my work.

Speaking the same language is a major factor in unifying the citizenry and eliminating potential factors that may promote discrimination. A good command of the language helps fulfill the main purpose in life, which is success and happiness. The State has to help its citizens to attain those goals.

English has become the international language in trade, business and information. Our citizens should be helped to become well versed in the English language.

Sincerely,

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